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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I appeal to the Hon. Finance Minister to restore the cut that was effected in 1948 in respect of pensioners."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Much as I sympathize with the poor pensioners drawing less than Rs. 106, the inability of the Government must be taken into consideration. The restoration of the cut would certainly amount to more than ten lakhs of rupees."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I would like the Hon. Minister to express his sympathy in rupees, annas and pies and not in words."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I would like, the Leader of the Opposition expresses sympathy to the Government on behalf of the people and the poor men in the street about whom he talks every time and persuade them to pay more taxes. Certainly then, I shall consider the proposal."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not the poor men paying all the taxes the Hon. the Finance Minister is imposing without grumbling; sales tax at every stage increased bus fares and all other taxes? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" No, Sir. I do not think that all the taxes that we are imposing are falling on the poor men."

Number of co-operative societies for house construction and the houses constructed by them.

* 16 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies for the construction of houses that have started work;

(*b*) the number of houses that are under construction;

(*c*) the number that have been completed by the end of May; and

(*d*) whether any scheme for rural areas has been introduced?

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" (*a*) Since July 1947, when the Government initiated a drive for organizing new housing schemes, seven co-operative house building societies, organized under the new scheme, have started construction of houses.

" (*b*) At the end of May 1949, 566 houses were under construction by the new as well as the old building societies.

" (*c*) The number of houses constructed by the new societies by the end of May 1949 is 94. Apart from this 461 houses were constructed by the old building societies during the period from 1st July 1946 to 31st May 1949.

" (*d*) No scheme for rural areas has so far been introduced."

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SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government any scheme for rural areas? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" It is under consideration."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" For how long, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" For a few months, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Was there not a proposal of getting prefabricated houses and supplying them to each district centre so that they may have prefabricated houses at least in urban areas? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Some time ago the Government of India asked us to take a few prefabricated houses but now they are not in a position to supply them. If they supply we shall take them."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" During its term of office this Government has not been able to construct one hut or help in the construction of even a single hut."

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" This is done on a co-operative basis, with the co-operation of the Municipal Councils and other bodies."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I am asking whether the Government has done anything."

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" The co-operative societies are concerned with this scheme, Sir."

Separation of juvenile probation from adult probation.

* 17 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to separate juvenile probation from adult probation; and

(*b*) whether there will be any increase in the number of women Probation Officers?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The consideration of the proposal made by the Madras Children Aid Society to separate Juvenile probation from Adult probation has been deferred pending a decision on the question of undertaking legislation on the lines of the new Children Bill prepared by Lieut.-Col. Ford Thomson.

" (*b*) There is no proposal to increase the number of Woman Probation Officers."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that since the Juvenile and Adult probation works together, the work is not so successful."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" This Government is aware that the work is suffering as it has to be done